

# H. R. 3998.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FEBRUARY 17, 1873.

Read twice, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CONGER, on leave, introduced the following bill :

## A BILL

To provide for a report of a board of engineers of the United States Army upon the feasibility and propriety of bridging the straits between Lakes Huron and Erie.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and required  
4       to detail five engineers, whose duty it shall be to inquire into  
5       and report upon the practicability of bridging, consistently  
6       with the interest of navigation, the channel between Lake  
7       Huron and Lake Erie, at such points as may be needful for  
8       the passing of railroad trains across said channel, and also its  
9       effect upon the navigation of the same; and also to inquire  
10      into the number and character of the vessels navigating said  
11      channel and the number of trips made by each, and if said  
12      bridging be practicable, to report what extent of span or

13 spans and elevation above the water will be required in the  
14 construction of such bridge or bridges, so as not seriously to  
15 injure the navigation of said channel, and upon the proper  
16 mode of constructing such bridge or bridges, if the same be  
17 found practicable and proper to be built at all.